

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1056 without my signature.

I vetoed a similar bill, AB 723 (Chu, 2005) because it was largely duplicative of current efforts to provide more avenues to teach about tolerance and human rights. For example, current law already establishes a Center for the Excellence on the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights, and Tolerance (Center) to provide teachers the training and resources to effectively teach about these subjects. In addition, the State Board of Education has adopted a Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide that is available to all schools.

Furthermore, the Center is required to submit a report to the Administration and the Legislature no later than January 31, 2007 outlining the activities of the Center and reporting the progress made in achieving its goals. It would be prudent to review the progress being made before any additional actions are contemplated.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger